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In re Patent Application of)
Steven L. PURCELL) Group Art Unit: 3671
Application No.: 10/786,298) Examiner: Tara L. Mayo
Filed: February 26, 2004)
For: MICRO TRENCH DUCT)
PLACEMENT)

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- A Terminal Disclaimer is also enclosed. Please charge \$65.00 \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 13-2491 to cover the requisite Government fee.
- A Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is enclosed.
- A request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) is also enclosed.

- No additional claim fee is required.
 An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. Of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims				x \$50.00 =	0
Ind. Claims				x \$200.00 =	0
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$360.00					
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated December 27, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the Examiner's approval is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.